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(57) 【要約】

ミクロスポリディア症の治療におけるベンゾイミダゾール駆虫薬の使用。

1. ミクロスポリディア症の治療用薬物の製造用ベンゾイミダゾール環虫薬。
2. ベンゾイミダゾール環虫薬がアルベンダゾールである請求項1記載の使用。
3. 処置される患者がヒト免疫不全ウイルス (HIV) にも感染している請求項2記載の使用。
4. ミクロスポリディア症が下痢の原因となる感染である請求項3記載の使用。

#### ミクロスポリディア症の治療におけるベンゾイミダゾール環虫薬の使用

本発明は、ミクロスポリディアによって引き起こされる疾患の治療、特に、ヒト免疫不全ウイルス (HIV) に感染している患者の下痢の治療における、ある種のベンゾイミダゾール化合物の使用に関する。

動物が感染するプロトゾア・ミクロスポリディア (protozoa microsporidia) は500種を超える。急性免疫不全症候群 (AIDS) の出現までは、ヒト感染は珍しく、1、2件の臨床および臨床に限定されていた。しかしながら、現在、ミクロスポリディア症は、HIV感染体の小腸において共通しており、下痢の原因と考えられる。アメリカ合衆国における最近の研究では、下痢の原因として他の病原体が排除されていない患者の3分の1は、空腸生検中にミクロスポリディア菌感染を持つことが判明した [ヒューマン・パソロジー (Human Pathology), 1990, 21 (5), 475-82]。最近、英国の研究では、非常に重症の形態が得られた [ピーコック (Peacock) ら、ジャーナル・オブ・クリニカル・パソロジー (J. Clin. Path.) 1991, 印刷中]。しかしながら、ミクロスポリディア菌が下痢の原因において病原体的重要性を有するものであるという確かな証拠は、好適な化学的治療剤でこの微生物を全滅させる能力、または、別法として、好適な動物モデルの開発を必要とする。かかる好適な化学的治療剤は、現在でも、入手可能ではない。

本発明は、この要求を満たすものであり、第1の態様において、ヒト免疫不全ウイルス (HIV) に感染している患者における、ミクロスポリディア症の治療、特に、例えば、下痢の原因となるミクロスポリディア症のようなミクロスポリディア症の治療用薬物の製造において使用するためのベンゾイミダゾール環虫薬アルベンダゾールを提供するものである。

より広範な態様において、本発明は、ヒト免疫不全ウイルス (HIV) に感

染している患者における、ミクロスポリディア症の治療、特に、下痢の原因となるミクロスポリディア症のようなミクロスポリディア症の治療用薬物の製造において使用するためのベンゾイミダゾール環虫薬を提供するものである。

「ベンゾイミダゾール環虫薬」なる語は、広義環虫薬として作用することが知られているいずれのベンゾイミダゾール含有薬物をも含むことを意図する。例えば、かかる化合物としては、アルベンダゾールに加えて、フェンベンダゾール、オキシベンダゾール、メベンダゾールおよびバルベンダゾールが挙げられる。

さらなる態様では、本発明は、ミクロスポリディア症の治療が必要な対象に、例えばアルベンダゾールのようなベンゾイミダゾール環虫薬の有効量を投与することからなる、ミクロスポリディア症の治療方法を提供する。特に、本発明は、ヒト免疫不全ウイルス (HIV) に感染している患者において、ミクロスポリディア症、例えば、下痢の原因となるミクロスポリディア症の治療方法を提供する。

本発明で使用する場合、活性剤は、標準的な医薬組成物、例えば錠剤組成物に固形化される。

活性剤の好適な用量は、1日当たり100〜5000mgの範囲であり、該化合物は、症状を処置し、かつ、患者の感染からの解放を維持することが必要である限りは、1個以上の離散性投与単位で、1日1回または2回、投与される。用量計画のサイズ、回数および期間は、もちろん、感染の重症度に左右されるであろう。

#### 結果

下痢を有し、空腸生検でミクロスポリディア症を示した5体のHIV感染体で研究を行った。

該患者をアルベンダゾール (400mg, b. i. d.) で、1週間以内で処置し、6体のうち5体は、下痢が完全になくなるという劇的な症状性改善があり、体重低下が阻止された。結果として、2体の患者は、非下痢性の原因で死亡し、1カ月の治療を完了した残りの4体のうち2体は再発した。

これらの患者のうちの5体において治療の後に行った空腸生検によって、ミク

ロスポリディア菌の増殖が示されるが、明らかな成熟は阻止され、その結果、顕著なモロト期が見られるが、成熟幼虫はない。

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# USE OF A BENZIMIDAZOLE ANTHELMINTIC IN THE TREATMENT OF MICROSPORIDIAL INFECTIONS

The present invention relates to the use of certain benzimidazole compounds in the treatment of diseases caused by microsporidia organisms, in particular the treatment of diarrhoea in patients infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

There are more than 500 species of the protozoa microsporidia which infect animals. Until the advent of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) human infection was rare and confined to one or two cases of encephalitis and myositis. Now, however, microsporidium infection is common in the small intestine of HIV infected individuals and is thought to cause diarrhoea. In a recent study in the USA a third of patients in whom no other pathogen as a cause of diarrhoea had been uncovered, were found to have microsporidiosis infection in jejunal biopsy material (Human Pathology, 1990, 21(5), 475-81). Very similar figures were recently obtained in a UK study (Peacock et al., J. Clin. Path. 1991, in press). However, positive proof that Microsporidiosis is of pathogenic importance in the development of diarrhoea requires the ability to eradicate this organism with suitable chemotherapeutic agents or, alternatively, the development of suitable animal models. Such suitable chemotherapeutic agents have, until now, not been available.

The present invention fulfils this need and provides in a first aspect, the benzimidazole anthelmintic albendazole, for use in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment of microsporidia infections, in particular in the treatment of microsporidia infection, for example diarrhoea-causing microsporidial infection, in patients infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

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In a broader aspect, the invention provides a benzimidazole anthelmintic for use in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment of microsporidia infections, in particular in the treatment of microsporidia infection, for example diarrhoea-causing microsporidia infection, in patients infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

The term 'benzimidazole anthelmintic' is intended to include any benzimidazole containing agent which is known to act as a broad spectrum anthelmintic. For example, in addition to albendazole, such compounds include fenbendazole, oxibendazole, mebendazole and parbendazole.

In a further aspect the present invention provides a method of treatment of microsporidial infection which comprises administration to a subject in need thereof of an effective amount of a benzimidazole anthelmintic, for example albendazole. In particular the invention provides a method for the treatment of microsporidial infection, for example diarrhoea-causing microsporidial infection, in patients infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

When used in the present invention, the active agent is formulated in a standard pharmaceutical composition, for example in a tablet composition.

Suitable doses of active agent will be in the range of from 100 to 5000mg per day, the compound being administered in one or more discrete dosage units, once or twice a day, for as long as is necessary to treat the condition and maintain the patient free of infection. The size, frequency and duration of the dosage regimen will, of course, depend on the severity of the infection.

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**RESULTS**

A study was carried out on 6 HIV infected individuals with diarrhoea and proven microsporidial infection on  
5 jejunal biopsy.

The patients were treated with albendazole (400mg, b.i.d.) and within 1 week, 5 of the 6 had had dramatic symptomatic improvement with complete loss of diarrhoea and  
10 arrested weight loss. Subsequently, two patients died of non-diarrhoeal causes and of the remaining 4 who completed one month's treatment, two relapsed.

Jejunal biopsies performed following therapy in five of  
15 these patients have shown continuing evidence of Microsporidiosis but an apparent maturation arrest so that frequent meronts are seen but mature spores are not.



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**CLAIMS:**

1. A benzimidazole anthelmintic for use in the  
manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment of  
5 microsporidial infection.
2. The use according to claim 1 in which the  
benzimidazole anthelmintic is albendazole.
- 10 3. The use according to claim 2 in which the patient  
treated is also infected with human immunodeficiency virus  
(HIV).
4. The use according to claim 3 in which the  
15 microsporidial infection is a diarrhoea-causing infection.

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